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**SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE 2021/22**

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Background Papers: None

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**PURPOSE:**

To present to members the Annual Statement of Assurance for 2021/22 for approval.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Members acknowledge the contents of the Statement of Assurance for 2021/22
  2. Approval by the Full Fire and Rescue Authority
  3. Publication on the Service's website.
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1. Background

- 1.1 Under the Fire and Rescue National Framework (England) 2018 Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority (BFRA) have a responsibility to publish an Annual Statement of Assurance which provides a report on the Service's performance in the previous year.

- 1.2 The Statement of Assurance reports on performance in regard to financial, governance and operational assurance arrangements.
- 1.3 The Statement of Assurance is required to be published annually and where possible form part of the existing governance reporting arrangements. The Statement of Assurance is subject to normal scrutiny arrangements which comprise of:
- Approval by the Audit & standards Committee;
  - Presentation to the Full Fire and Rescue Authority Meeting by the Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee; and
  - Published on the Service's website.
- 1.4 The Statement of Assurance is attached as Appendix A.

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